

2003 VA EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES

Looking for ideas on how to celebrate Earth Day at your facility? Here are some great events and activities that Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) employees and facilities are planning for this year. Add to this list by reporting on your plans for Earth Day 2003. Contact Barbara Matos in the Office of Acquisition and Materiel Management at Barbara.matos@mail.va.gov. For ideas on observing Earth Day at home or in your local community, please visit <http://www.va.gov/oa&mm/recycle/earthday.htm>.

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VA Medical and Regional Office Center, Fargo, ND (Recycling Committee)	<p>Earth Week 2003</p> <p>Monday, April 21 Employees will be awarded recycling rewards if they are seen recycling, using proper containers. Recycling Coordinators will be wearing buttons, saying "ASK ME" to encourage employees to ask them recycling questions and also identify who the 24 coordinators are.</p> <p>Tuesday, April 22 Employees will celebrate EARTH DAY by "Cleaning out their Files." A display board will be set up in the Canteen area advertising the week's events. Employees will be encouraged to take the on-line recycling survey, or pick up a hard-copy survey at the display. Employees may register for door prizes and free hot air balloon rides.</p> <p>Wednesday, April 23 Reusable Cup Day! The Veterans Canteen Service will provide a free cup of coffee or fountain soda, between 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. today to individuals who bring their own reusable cup to the VA Cafe.</p> <p>Thursday, April 24 Two "Trash to Treasure" seminars scheduled for employees to attend over lunchtime. Door prizes. Display of unique crafts made from recycled items.</p> <p>Friday, April 25 8th Annual Grounds Cleanup! A special highlight will be the launching of the POW*MIA hot air balloon on VA grounds. Tethered rides will be available. Everyone is invited to participate in the grounds cleanup. Gloves, trash bags and pointy sticks will be provided to help "green" the grounds! Cleanup participants will receive a FREE grilled burger lunch and may register for Earth Day t-shirts, recycling containers, and other prizes.</p>

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Dallas VA Medical Center	Hosting a Green Purchasing Awareness Event on April 22 nd .
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Oklahoma City VA Medical Center	Hosting a Green Purchasing Awareness Event on April 24
Wilkes Barre VA Medical Center/ Sayre, PA Outpatient Clinic	Gave all employees a Douglas Fir tree to plant at their homes. Trees were purchased with funding from the employee's association through the County's Extension Office.